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Group Art Unit: 2633  
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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Yasushi Hara et al.

Application No.: 09/885,318

Art Unit: 2633

Filed: June 19, 2001

Examiner: Agustin Bello

For: **CIRCUIT FOR PREVENTING  
TRANSMISSION OF A FIXED PATTERN  
OF OPTICAL DIGITAL TRANSMISSION  
EQUIPMENT**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-5 and 9-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.